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SUBJ: EXCON - EXPORT LICENSE EVN 1 90703, MAY 8, 1973, LASER TECHNIQUE AG, MUEHLEWEG 13, 3294 BERN, SWITZERLAND

- 1. HOLOBEAM, INC., 560 WINTERS AVENUE, PARAMUS, NEW JERSEY 07652, HAS SUBMITTED APPLICATION FOR EXPORT OF ONE CW LASER, MODEL 255 QT INCLUDING 90 DEGREE PRISM AND MOUNT, TO ITS LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE LASER TECHNIQUE AG. SWISS AUTHORITIES HAVE ISSUED BLUE CERTIFICATE.
- 2. ACCORDING TO IMPORTER, HOLOBEAM HAS NOT RECEIVED EXPORT LICENSE BECAUSE EXCON CLAIMS THAT AMOUNT OF SF 42,000 ON SWISS BLUE DOES NOT COVER TRANSACTION VALUE OF \$13,241.25 (EXCON FIGURE \$10,500). APPARENT DISCREPANCY RESULTS FROM USE OF DIFFERENT EXCHANGE RATES. AMOUNT OF SF 42,000 WAS CALCULATED BY LASER TECHNIQUE AF ON BASIS OF SF 3.17 EQUALS ONE DOLLAR WHICH WAS APPROXIMATE EXCHANGE RATE IN MID- DAY. EXCON APPARENTLY CONVERTED SF 42,000 BACK TO DOLLARS USING SF 4.00 TO THE DOLLAR. THIS LATTER EXCHANGE RATE IS HIGHLY UNREALISTIC SINCE CURRENT EXCHANGE RATE NOW ABOUT SF 3.00 PER DOLLAR.
- 3. LASER TECHNIQUE AG HAS ALSO TOLD EMBASSY THAT EXCON REQUIRING THAT 60 INCH OPTICAL RAIL ON WHICH LASER IS MOUNTED BY SPECIFIED ON SWISS BLUE. RAIL, WHICH IS UNCLASSIFIED

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SIMPLE MECHANICAL ITEM, IS AN INTERGAL PART OF LASER UNIT AND WAS, THERFORE, NOT SPECIFIED. FOR THIS REASON SWISS AUTHORITIES NOT WILLING TO ISSUE ANOTHER BLUE CERTIFICATE.

4. LASER TECHNIQUE AG IS IN URGENT NEED OF THIS LASER. IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF, ON THE BASIS OF THIS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, EXCON COULD GRANT EXPORT LICENSE. DAVIS

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